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PORTSMOUTH WOMAN SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE - United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced today that Michelle A. Winder was sentenced to a term of 10 months home detention and a term of three years of probation after pleading guilty to evading more than \$112,000 in personal federal income taxes. In addition to the terms of home detention and probation, the Court ordered Winder to comply with the IRS efforts to collect her past due taxes. The sentence was handed down by U.S. District Judge Paul J. Barbadoro in U.S. District Court in Concord. Winder, age 42, resides in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Winder pleaded guilty to one count of tax evasion based upon her willful failure to report \$321,124 in income she received in 1999 on her individual federal income tax return for that year. Winder received those funds from the sale of her interest in a business but did not report them on her federal income tax return. At her plea hearing, Winder acknowledged that she evaded a total of \$112,560 in 1997, 1998 and 1999 by failing to report income she received from the sale of her interest in the business.

This matter was investigated by the Portsmouth office of the division of Criminal Investigation of the Internal Revenue Service. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Morse.